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Applicant(s): Ryuji BIRO, et al. Confirmation No.: 8407

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For: OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR USE IN EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND

RINSING METHOD THEREFOR

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the final Official Action dated March 18, 2008, Applicants have concurrently filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This Amendment is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.